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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 AND 1.98**

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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find a copy of a Communication (Search Report) from the European Patent Office, issued in corresponding European Patent Application No. 03762869.0. Also enclosed are Forms PTO/SB/08A & B, listing the references cited therein.

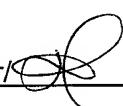
This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted concurrently with the filing of a RCE Transmittal in the above-identified application.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with the present submission of the enclosed documents. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed documents, during examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

Applicants request any shortage or excess in fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, and for which no other form of payment is offered, be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 Case: 520.44257X00).

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